RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 20th March, 2007/29 Phalguna, 1928 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

SOME POINTS

श्री एस0एस0 अहलुवालिया : सभापति महोदय, ... (**व्यवधान**)... महोदय , ... (**व्यवधान**)...

प्रो0 राम देव भंडारी : सभापति महोदय, ... (**व्यवधान**)...

श्री दिनेश त्रिवेदी : सर ... (**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Sir, what about the notice of Shri Sitaram Yechury? ...*(Interruptions)*... They should seek an apology. ...*(Interruptions)*...

प्रो0 राम देव भंडारी : सभापति महोदय, ... (**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : सदन की कार्यवाही एक घंटे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at
one minute past eleven of the clock.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of Airport Development Centre

*301. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering undertaking upgradation and modernization of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to set up an Airport Development Centre for this purpose; and

(d)if so, the details-thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The airports upgradation and modernization is an ongoing process. Such works are taken up on operational requirements and demand from airlines. The important airport taken up for development are as under:—

METRO AIRPORTS

Delhi & Mumbai:—They have been restructured through Joint Venture route and are being modernized/upgraded.

Kolkata:—Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been mandated to take up upgradation/modernization of this airport and would be starting the work very shortly.

Chennai:—Expansion/modernization of the airport is being discussed with the stakeholders as to availability of land for expansion. A final decision in this regard would be taken up very soon.

NON-METRO AIRPORTS:—AAI has been mandated to take up the development of 35 Non-Metro Airports which are:—

Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Udaipur, Trivandrum, Lucknow, Goa, Madurai, Mangalore, Agatti, Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Rajkot, Vadodara, Bhopal, Indore, Nagpur, Vishakapatnam, Trichy, Bhubaneshwar, Combatore, Patna, Port Blair, Varanasi, Agartala, Dehradun, Imphal, Ranchi, Raipur, Agra, Chandigarh, Dimapur, Jammu & Pune.

AAI has already started work at most of these airports.

GREENFIELD AIRPORTS:— New greenfield airports are coming up at Hyderabad and Bangalore. In principle approval has been given for a greenfield airport at Mopa (Goa). Proposals for greenfield airports at Durgapur (West Bengal), Navi Mumbai and Pune (Maharashtra), Pakyong (Sikkim), Cheithu (Kohima-Nagaland), Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) are under consideration.

AAI have also taken up major Communications Navigation Surveillance (CNS) projects as part of modernization of airport infrastructure.

(c) and (d) An Airport Development Cell is already functioning in the Airports Authority of India.